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**DETAILED ACTION** 

1. The reply brief filed 3September2002 has been entered and considered. The application

has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-4244. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 5:30 AM to 4:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Lynette F. Smith, can be reached on (703)308-3909. The facsimile telephone number

for the Art Unit Group is (703)308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0196.

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